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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

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February 9, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to Children’s Dental Health Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 105, as amended, Hayashi. Children’s Dental Health Month.

This measure would declare the month of February 2012 as Children’s Dental Health Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 2007, Americans made approximately 500
- 2 million dental visits and spent an estimated \$98.6 billion on dental
- 3 services; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 78 percent of Americans have at
2 least one cavity by the age of 17 and for the first time in 40 years,
3 tooth decay in young children is on the rise. Of the 4 million
4 children born each year, one-quarter will have at least one cavity
5 by the time they reach kindergarten and one-half by 2nd grade;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The oral health of children is important because
8 untreated tooth decay is progressive and causes pain and infections
9 that may lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing, and
10 learning, and can be devastating to children's long-term health,
11 educational achievements, self-image, and overall success; and

12 WHEREAS, Tooth decay (dental caries) affects children in the
13 United States more than any other chronic infectious disease, and
14 80 percent of Americans have some form of periodontal gum
15 disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Without immediate action, the impact of tooth
17 decay among today's young children will be felt for years to come.
18 Oral health care has a significant and lasting impact on the
19 productivity of our existing and future employees and leaders; and

20 WHEREAS, Developing good habits at an early age and
21 scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on
22 a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums, and the American Dental
23 Association's messages and materials have reached millions of
24 people in communities across the country; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
27 month of February 2012 as Children's Dental Health Month; and
28 be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.